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(7500/250)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: DAVID F. REUTER, ET AL.

Examiner:

Serial No.: 10/681,638

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Group Art Unit No.:

For: FAILSAFE OPERATION OF A HYBRID BRAKE SYSTEM FOR A VEHICLE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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☒ Preliminary Amendment	☐ Assignment Papers *(for an Application)*	☐ Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences
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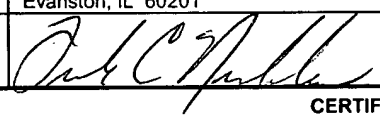
Signature		Date	October 24, 2003

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